



Montana's Work-based Learning Collaborative

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What is Work-based Learning?

Work-based learning is a continuum of activities that engage business and extend the classroom into the workplace, connecting acquired knowledge and skill to a student's future employment.

Work-based learning may take place in a workplace, in a school, or the community.

4 Training

Apprenticeship, Paid Internships
On-the-Job Training, Industry
Recognized Credentials

3 Preparation

Internships, Service Learning, Group
Projects, Student Run Enterprise,
Supported Employment

2 Exploration

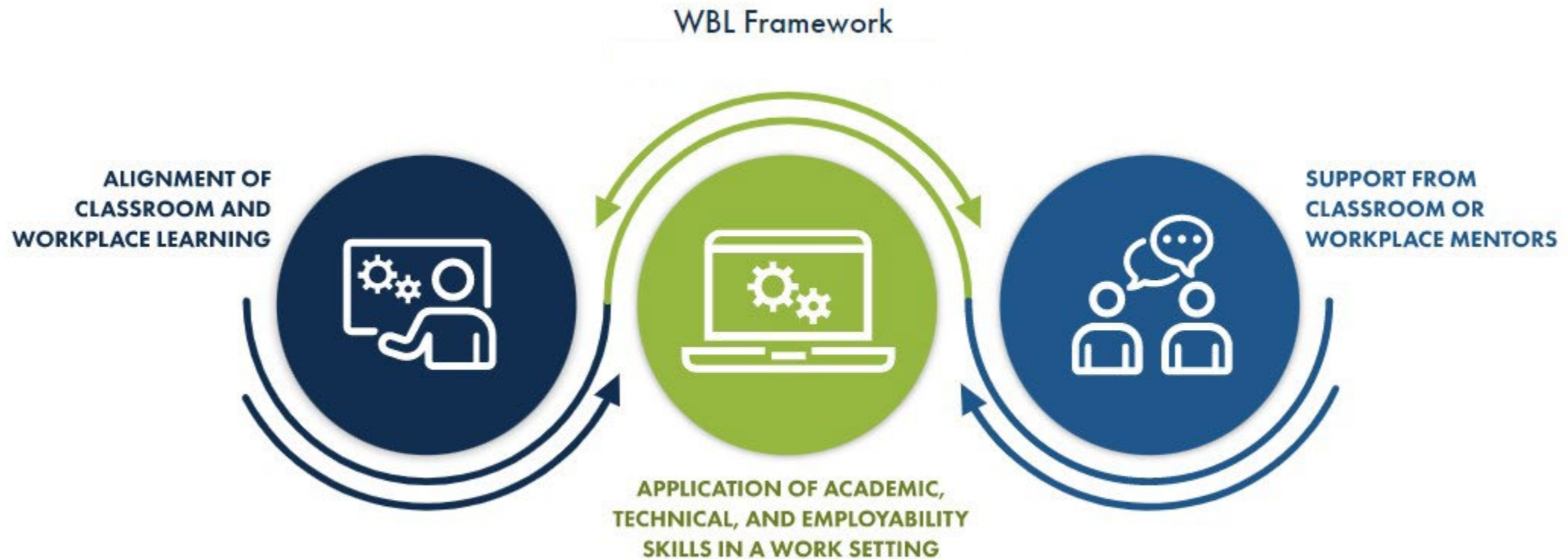
Job shadowing, Career Research, Interest
Assessment, Extended Learning,
Structured Field Trips

1 Awareness

Workplace Tours, Guest Speakers, Career Fairs,
Field Trip, Community Involvement

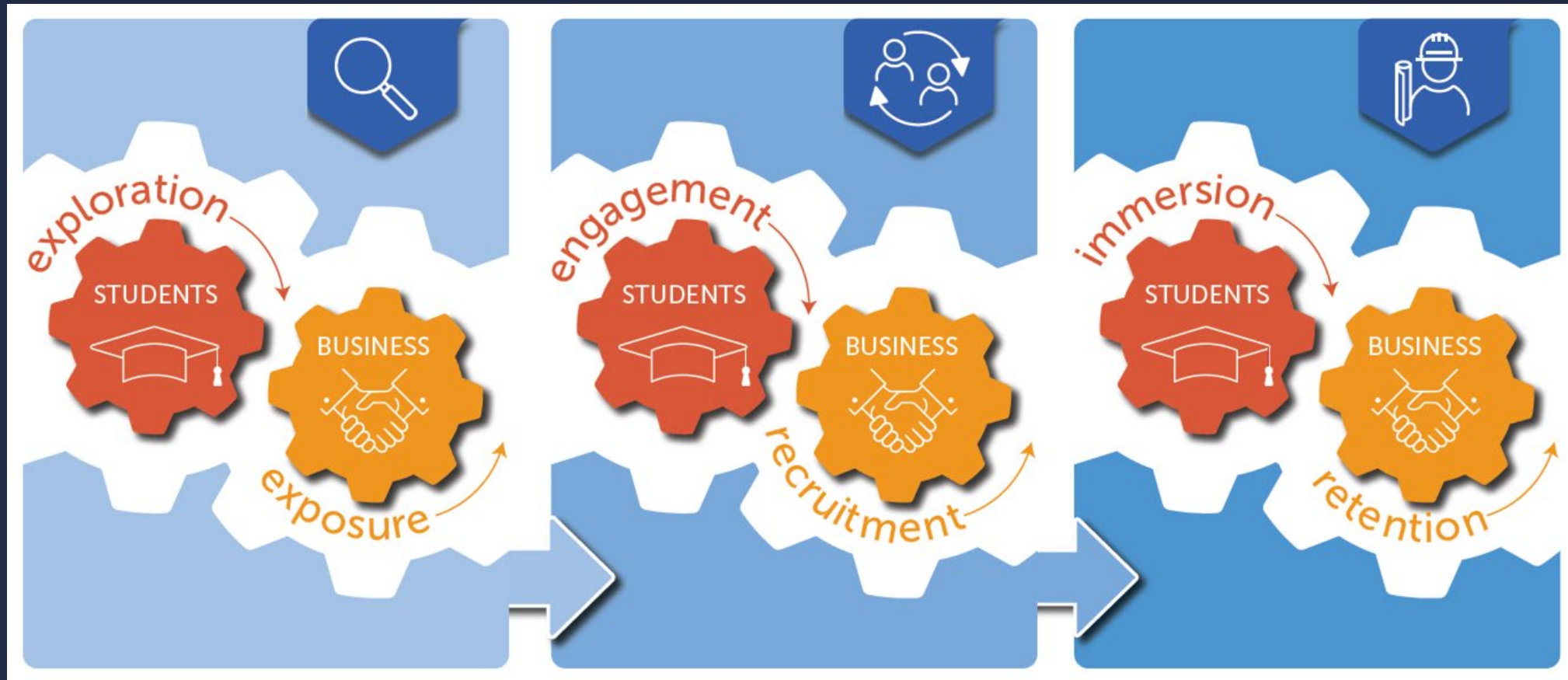


U.S. Department of Education WBL Toolkit





The Montana Work-based Learning Collaborative Continuum





Montana Work-based Learning Collaborative

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MT WBL Collaborative Timeline





Teacher Externships





Teacher Externship Participation

- 7 manufacturing employers
- 7 teachers







Feedback from Participants

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I would strongly encourage other CTE instructors to take advantage of the opportunity.

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I am just happy to have participated in this for a week and the relationships I made with Applied Materials were very valuable.

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I did not have a working model of manufacturing process until now. This makes many of the lessons I teach more relevant.

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I will be able to use my experience with every department in my classroom and plan to share with other teachers.

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Feedback from Businesses

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It was a great opportunity to showcase our business. We would, without question, host more teachers in the future.

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We are investing in our future workforce by giving teachers a glimpse of what we do so they can relay that information to their students.

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Continuing education in the fields of manufacturing can be extremely rewarding, as one truly sees the fruits of his or her labor.

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We hope she will encourage others to participate, or even just reach out to us for collaborative or education opportunities.

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Employers are not necessarily looking for a degree or diploma, they want hard working, trainable employees who want to dive into the industry.

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More WBL Collaborative Information

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